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Clothing Establishment.

Titusville Morning Herald.

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Titusville, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1868.

A PAPER OF MATTER ON EVERY PAGE

New Advertisements to-day.

Pat Store—A. Tolino.

Nude—W. T. White.

Varieties.

C. L. Wheeler will lecture on Masonry at Spartansburg this evening.

At Pittsburgh, on the 4th of February, prizes worth \$1,000 are to be awarded.

His Honor, Judge McCandless, is holding a session of the United States District Court at Pittsburgh.

The oil pipe that runs from Beaufort Hill to Petroleum Centre sprung a leak yesterday afternoon, and a few barrels of oil were lost.

Coal shipments from Pennsylvania, last year, showed an increase of 971,081 tons anthracite and a decrease of 82,588 tons of bituminous from the preceding year.

Judging from the sale of tickets for reserved seats at Blind Tom's Concert, it will be very largely attended. Two concerts are to be given, to-night and to-morrow evening.

A Washington correspondent of the Newark Advertiser writes an interesting article on the subject of the Vice Presidency. He remarks that Pennsylvania is certain for Grou or Curtis.

The Atlantic & Great Western Railroad Company has given notice to shippers by tank cars that hereafter no cars will be received on that road that contain more than eighty barrels of oil.

It is thought that a reliable clue has been obtained to the perpetrators of the Beaufort Hill robbery. Detectives started for Cleveland yesterday noon to test suspected parties in that city.

Mr. George W. Deshler, of Oil City, has consented to deliver a literary lecture here for the benefit of his poor. The correspondence will be published in a few days, and the appointment definitely fixed.

Shutting for the past few days has been exacted upon Oil Creek, at the foot of Monroe street and lovers of the graceful art have not been slow to improve the same. Yesterday the "ball was up," and everybody upon the ice.

A petition was in circulation yesterday, addressed to the Common Council, asking for a reduction of the police force. Sensible. In these piping times of peace" every unnecessary burden upon the tax-payers should be removed.

Porous slate, cut out with petroleum, has been installed in Gansevoort, New York, for cost. Those who know it were positive that they had discovered several hundred fortunes rolled in one, until experts assured them, from accurate geological data, that no coal deposits exist within the limits of the State.

The Pittsburgh Gazette says that destitution, arising from scarcity of labor, prevails to an alarming extent in that city and its neighborhood. The Secretary of the Board of Poor Directors says that there have been more applications for temporary relief during the past few weeks than were made during any corresponding period within the last thirteen years.

The Director of the Bureau of Statistics has compiled an abstract of the examination of passenger vessels which arrived at the port of New York during the month of December, 1867, from which it appears that on board the Hamburg ship Lord Brougham, which arrived December 7th, there were seventy-five deaths during the voyage, caused by cholera. The vessel was overcrowded.

The two beautiful evening stars, Venus and Jupiter, are rapidly approaching each other. On the 30th, (to day), they will be less than the diameter of the moon apart, and then, although seemingly so near, the distance between will be millions of miles. Venus is the lower, and of course the brightest. The planet Mercury is the third evening star, but not at present to be seen, on account of its new position.

Mrs. Mary Newman, now living in Malta township, Morgan county, Ohio, was born in Philadelphia in 1770; was married in 1783, and some years later removed to Ohio. She has now living seven children—the eldest seventy-nine, and the youngest fifty-nine—fifty-six grand-children, one hundred and sixty-four great-grandchildren, and eighteen of a still later generation, one of these latter being now fourteen years of age.

Last week the police of Philadelphia visited the news stands and suppressed the sale of indecent papers. This action might be imitated everywhere with benefit to the community. The circulation of pictorial papers not fit for families, or any body else, is at present immense, several new sheets of this character having recently been started. The more oily eloquence the engravings, the more eagerly they are bought by boys and men of depraved tastes.

Ice has become a necessity, and the quality of the article, as well as the quantity, is watched in the winter time by the dealers with pretty much the same anxiety as the farmer watches his growing crops in midsummer. The ice harvest season has been a very abundant one, and the ice of a very superior quality—thick, clear, solid. Nearly all the dealers, as well as private persons, have secured their supply, and the voters have no fear of an ice famine next spring.

An advertisement in an Ohio newspaper in view of the right-minded citizens of Akron to meet at the office of the Mayor, for the purpose of taking measures to suspend to the lamp-posts certain fellows who "are lurking around the city, watching an opportunity to break into some house, store or shop." It is proposed to organize a vigilance committee, to rid the community of such pests. The extreme coarseness of the projectors must have carried dismay into the hearts of the offenders.

A fifty barrel well was struck Saturday night upon the Bear Farm. This well, which is the largest yet struck in this vicinity, belongs to Messrs. Drake & Baldwin, and the "strike" will have a tendency to culminate matters and cause leases to advance in price. The fact that upon the Beau and Tyrell farms there are no dry holes, the locality excellent for operating and located upon the line of the Titusville and Phoebe plank road, renders this a most desirable point to operate, and next spring will see lively times upon the territory.

A large sleigh load of pleasure seekers from Pittsburg, also one from Pioneer, favored our city with a call Tuesday evening, and the citizens of the surrounding country generally availed themselves of the fine sleighing, to attend the Old Folks' Concert, and have a good time. The late fall of snow, with our live roads, has had a tendency to bring out everything in the shape of horse flesh and runners in this section, and Titusville seems to be the general rendezvous for the same.

Charter Amendments.

We publish today the draft of a bill providing for certain amendments to our City Charter. It has been submitted by the Mayor to the Common Council, but not yet finally acted upon. The present publication will afford citizens an opportunity for considering its provisions, and as the bill will be referred to Harrisburg will most probably be passed, we presume they will respectfully consider any suggestions that may be previously offered. The proposition to reduce the number of wards from four to two is undoubtedly, but to diminish the council membership in the same ratio, not to place the responsibility of all local legislation upon four individuals, is manifestly improper. The old proposal, that "in a multitude of counselors there is safety," is a good one. Most of our Pennsylvania towns have two boards, consisting of a Select and Common Council. Here we have eight committees, comprising a single board, and representing a constituency of five or six thousand people. They are unshaded officials, and consequently the reduction of the board cannot effect any pecuniary object. On the other hand, the members of committees are at times of very arduous nature, and many citizens who could acceptably fill the same, would be unable to give it the equal attention. This would be especially true, when by diminishing the board as proposed, the responsibility of the officer would be proportionately increased. The same facts are applicable to the Board of School Directors.

It is proposed in these amendments to make the appointments of city officials by the Council subject to the approval of the Mayor. This would vitally affect the Mayor with the appealing power. If it is desired to invest him with this authority, we think it would be better to reverse the proposition, by making his appointment subject to confirmation by the Council. The police being under the Mayor's personal supervision, might very properly be included in this provision, but the offices of City Treasurer, City Clerk, and City Attorney, would more properly remain under the exclusive control of the Board. The Mayor should, we think, be made the presiding officer of the Common Council, and the Mayor of the said city shall be the lowest bidder for the said work, the account for which is to be paid by the said Council; and the Mayor or any member of the Council who shall violate the provisions of this section, shall, *ipso facto*, forfeit his office for the remainder of the term for which he was elected, and upon due proof of such violation being made to the Council, in the case of the Mayor or member of the Council, the said Council, without further delay, shall decree judgment against the defendant or defendants, and if the said judgment and costs, shall not be forthcoming, may award a fine of one hundred dollars to the said city, to be recovered and collected as debts of like amount are recoverable.

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See 12. No member of the Common Council, or the Mayor of the said city shall be engaged in, or have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract to which said city is a party, or be permitted to do any work or said city, the compensation which exceeds in amount the sum of fifty dollars, unless said Council, Council have made a provision for such work, by a written agreement in some form, published in the city, not less than three months prior to the institution of the work, and the Mayor or some member of the Council shall be the lowest bidder for the said work, the account for which is to be paid by the said Council; and the Mayor or any member of the Council who shall violate the provisions of this section, shall, *ipso facto*, forfeit his office for the remainder of the term for which he was elected, and upon due proof of such violation being made to the Council, in the case of the Mayor or member of the Council, the said Council, without further delay, shall decree judgment against the defendant or defendants, and if the said judgment and costs, shall not be forthcoming, may award a fine of one hundred dollars to the said city, to be recovered and collected as debts of like amount are recoverable.

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